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POETRY.

"NIGHT UNTO NIGHT SHOWETH KNOWLEDGE."

BY REV. T. J. GREENWOOD.

Lives there, Eternal God, above the worm,
A creature moulded in the human form,
Who can behold, in the calm evening hour,
The sparkling heavens their floods of glory pour,
See myriad worlds in seas of ether roll,
One grand, one perfect, one harmonious whole,
All, all proclaiming as in joy they shine,
A wisdom, skill, and goodness all divine,
And seeing, doubt what these in truth declare,
Order, design, arrangement present there?
O, who can view, in the still yonder time,
That wondrous scene surpassing thought sublime,
The outstretched canopy, the azure sky,
Whose folds fair spirit-hands suspend on high,
Behold the gems that stud creation's breast,
Like eyes of love to soothe the earth to rest,
And looking upward, still unblinking,
There is no God! Still chance her works display!

O, who can gaze on Dian, Night's fair queen,
Enrobed in raiment of pure silvery sheen,
Behold her forth her gentle beams shed
Like a soft mantle o'er Night's figure spread,
Bathing in light the gently slumbering world,
Sparkling in gems which have the flowers impart'd,
Then note her coursing through the ether flood,
And raise the idiot cry,—"There is no God?"

Aye, who can roam amid the glittering stars,
Like spirits coursing in their radiant cars,
Like Candellabro, to illumine the sky,
Behold the placid light they ever pour
Like golden dew the wide creation o'er,
And almost hear the choral song they raise,
Hymning the great Creator's lily praise,
And still enshroud the soul beneath the sod,
And madly breathe the cry,—"There is no God?"

Creator! No! Thy being stands imprest
On Night's calm brow, when worlds are wrapped in rest,
And while yon heaven its glorious host shall show,
Or mirror beauty in the depths below,
"Night unto night," with rapturous voice shall tell
There lives a God, who doth all things well.

POPULAR TALES.

From "The May-Flower" for 1845.

THE GYPSY LOVER.

Danger, long travel, want, or woe,
Soon change the form that best we know—
And blanch at once the hair,
Hard toil can roughen form and face,
Not does old age a wrinkle trace,
More deeply than despair.
Happy when none of these befall,
But this poor Gypsy knew them all.

MARRION.

It was now the depth of autumn; and, according to an immemorial custom, the poorer inhabitants of Debrezin, whose lands lie at several days' journey from their homes, pursued their way across the sandy plain; the greater portion in droshkies, or little wagons, and not a few on small, lean-looking horses.

On the produce of these acres, though situated so far from them, depend their almost only hopes of subsistence, thither, for a week or so, twice or thrice every year, do they journey with their families, as cultivation, seed time, harvest, call for their presence.

"Thrice did they cross the shade of night," and three times did the horn, blown beneath the morning sun, summon them to arise and be going ere they failed, at the base of the great Carpathian chain, the scantily tilled fields, enclosed with ranges of thinly scattered poplars; the only inheritance which had descended to them from their fathers. In the course of a few hours they came to a spot marked out by a gibbet, on which a criminal had been hanged, and the road branches out from a central spot in many directions; the cavalcade paused.

After a short halt, to permit of a general pajaver, and interchange of amicable greetings it divided itself into various portions; wagons drove to right and left, accompanied or followed by gambered horses, bearing women and children; while, perchance, a listless donkey lagged in the rear, with its burthen of kitchen utensils. Behind all, stalked the bravest peasant, with his long whip, which, ever and anon, he threw out before him, and smacked over the heads of the jaded animals, as a tale-bearer of threatening castigation; his wide, heavy jack-boots impeding the journey he strove to cheer with a timeless whiff of tobacco smoke, a loud shrill whistle, or the chanting of some old, rude, half-forgotten Sclavonian ditty.

The area of cultivation consisted of small fields, or rather patches of wheat mingled with rye, oats, or maize, the last of which predominated, from its being the most productive in crop, averaging, generally, in the rate of thirty-fold. No houses being erected, as no person took up a permanent residence in the neighborhood, the sound of the hammer echoed in a hundred quarters over the plain, as each family busied itself in fitting up an abode, such as was requisite for accommodation during the time of harvest, varying in shape and dimensions, according to the member intended to be packed in the interior, or as

the geniality of the weather seemed to warrant. Some constructed tents, by fixing four poles in the ground at right angles, stretching a blanket between them, and covering the top by means of skins, or oiled cloth. Others, by nailing boards together, while many contented themselves with simply sleeping in their oblong wagons, screened from the cold and moisture of night, by the envelopments of a coarse cloak, or by burrowing, like pigs in a barnyard, beneath bundles of fresh straw.

It was now evening. Surmounted by masses of picturesque and illuminated clouds, the great sun was sinking majestically behind the mountain boundary of the west. The voice of song continued from the woodlands, as the birds chanted their vesper hymns, a shrill, murmuring monotonous sound, like the tinkling of a thousand little bells, was heard at a distance, which was afterwards discovered to proceed from innumerable little frogs, collected around the margin of the swamps and marshy grounds. The various encampments were now almost finished; and the cattle enjoyed, besides them, the privilege of a conscientiously long tether, to make up matters with their masters, and annihilate the marks and remembrances of fatigue, encountered in a long and difficult journey. The men in their loose cloaks, during the time that preparations were making for the evening meal, rested before the line of huts, in the fine, serene sunshine, smoking pipes, and making observations on the changes of the landscape, over which their eyes wandered; while, here and there, might be seen some one of the younger females, passing to, or returning, with the napkin on her head, from the stream that flowed beneath the fringe of poplars, at the western extremity of the enclosures. Among these was Theresa, the heroine of our little story, whom we shall now briefly introduce.

This Hungarian beauty was now in her twentieth year, fair as a lily of the brook; and though born to the estate of a peasant, nature had beneficently endowed her with those gentle and delicate feelings, which can alone add lustre to higher station, and form the only real distinguished excellence of female character. With her aged parents, who were alike contented, virtuous, and respected by all who knew them, she had come up from their home at Debrezin, to assist in the labors of the harvest. In stature she was rather below the common, and more slender than otherwise, but her form was elegant in the extreme. She had none of that clownish heaviness and insipidity about her, which seems to hang like a dim wintry cloud over a countenance, which is thereby rendered unmeaning, though well favored; but, in the grace of her gait, and in the expressive quickness of her eye, dwelt the life and animation, which communicate themselves to others. There is no doubt, in a word, that she was a bright, sweet little creature; and whoever glanced down for a moment at her small foot and taper ankle, knew at once that the elastic form to which it belonged was one of fairy agility.

She had reached the stream, one foot rested on a stone a little in from the brink; and with her right hand, she was dipping down the pitcher, while, with the other, she supported herself by catching hold of a wild lilac bush which grew behind her, when she was accosted unawares by a voice, which caused her to start, as she had perceived no one, and deemed herself alone in the solitary place. Turning round to whence the sound came, she saw an old man rising up from the flowery bank, whereon he seemed to have been resting, clad in a habit of a Gypsy, or Gypsy; and, as people belonging to this wandering tribe are to be met with in every section of the country, his appearance, after the first startle of surprise was over, excited no alarm.

"This is a fine, calm evening, my child; may I have a draught from thy pitcher?"

He drank, and proceeded:

"Now, by the sparkle of thine eye, I guess, that since we happen to be here alone, you would confess to me that you would like to have your fortune told. Say at once, now, that I am right. Is it not so, my sweet girl?"

"Nay, now," returned she, making an effort to draw her breath, which her momentary surprise seemed to have impeded, and blushing, as she lingered to answer him; "nay, now, good father, you are wrong, believe me; I have no such anxiety about me. How should I pray now?"

"These are women's words," answered the Gypsy, "not to be taken just as they are spoken; though, like worn coin, they sometimes pass current at full value. There is one—nay, but look in my face—a secret one, in whose fate and fortune you are not altogether uninterested. Turn not away, child; look up, and tell me, if you dare, you simpering fairy, that it is otherwise."

Theresa looked half playfully at him.

"That may, or may not be. I will not make you wiser. You only want to try me; but, if I had secrets, I know how to keep them, my good father. Isn't it foolish in an old man like you," added she smilingly, "to be prying into a poor girl's thoughts? But, good evening; I am loitering with you here when I have other things to attend to; and with this she stooped down to raise the pitcher from the stones on which it rested.

"Nay, stop for a moment, my nightingale; I asked not for your secrets. But what would you say were I to tell you, without asking you any questions at all, what you oftenest think about? Love promises bring long hours of thought after them before they come to their fulfillment; as the morning sun casts before him many a flattering and fleeting ray, before he shows his bright face over the mountains. Sometimes they may be altogether forgotten, when change of scene, and change of companions, bring about change of heart. Yours are not so—if I have any skill in reading a lesson from a fair face."

"Old man, you are flattering me. Farewell—I must not stay, good evening."

"Nay, nay, another moment, and I have done. Methinks I see one who is far away; yet amid strange scenes, and amid strange faces, he is mindful of his home, and of a dwelling still dearer than his home. It stands on the banks of a stream; its windows look to the east; and at each side of the door are two barberry bushes. He is mindful of a love he left there; ah! as mindful as ever you could be of such a one. It will be well for you both when the wars are over, and the weapons put into their sheaths. Now, you look down, and sigh: I know that I had something which you would like to hear."

"How can you, who are an old man, speak such silly things? or how can you know anything about foreign parts, or about people you have never seen? I could almost think—but I am foolish girl, or I would not stand listening to your nonsense, as earnestly as if it were one of Father Nicholas's sermons. Really, I am foolish, and the evening coming down so heavily," she added, pointing to the hills, whose declivities were darkening to azure, and to the mass of sombre clouds above them, from whose margin the gold of day was decaying, and lifted up the pitcher to depart.

"Let me look at your hand a moment—but a moment, then, since you have no patience with me, and care not to hear my prattle, however full of good beneath, fair flower, whether the future shall be sunshine; or smothered with clouds, like you. Why do you hesitate? Do you doubt my skill? Indeed, you have soon come to think yourself very wise."

Theresa stretched forth her small white hand to him; and turning up the palm of it, she looked in his face, as, with a semblance of serious thought, he cast his eyes along the lines of life.

"Now I know your destiny, Theresa;—is that not your name?"

She looked at him perplexed, and then nodded assent.

He then added, with a degree of fervor, as he gazed over her beauties with a more than momentary steadfastness, which made her shrink, and turn away her eyes from him:

"He whom you love, Theresa,—he who loves thee as his soul, is not far distant. I, who perhaps have never gazed on you before, am prophetic enough to assure you of this; and do you still doubt my skill? Lo, the truth is at hand, and the flight of time shall not be far, till my words be made good. But there are leisure hours till then; and I leave these things, my fair girl, for your dream this night. I bargained for no fee—but you will not refuse me this," and, gently pressing her yielded hand he raised, her fingers to his lips,—"it is a sufficient reward for any fortunetelling. Do not not a Gypsy heart—Weeds are but flowers; under a meener name—Good night and may Heaven bless you."

With a mind overflowing with meditation, Theresa returned home; and during the remainder of the evening, her mother observed her pensive and silent. She sat, seemingly attentive to what was going on, yet absent when spoken to and more inclined to gaze into the fire, than to look her neighbor in the face.

Night passed over, with many a dream, peaceful or perturbing; and, with the morning sun, all were astir, and preparing for the field labors. Theresa, like Juliet, was willing to mistake the nightingale for the lark, such a paradise of vision floated before her heated imagination; nevertheless, she arose with the rest, partook of their slight breakfast, and with her sickle thrown over her arm, passed forth in the early sunlight to the labors of harvest. To the buoyant mind toil is scarcely an effort. The birds sang, and the flowers bloomed; the waters made a pleasant sound, and hour after hour passed away, while Theresa dreamed, and never before felt such a delight in the soft breeze and the verdant landscape.

When the sultry day had journeyed by, beholding an industrious hand gathering in the treasures which Providence had furnished so liberally for their support, and the evening star had arisen to light them on their homeward road, Theresa started, and her heart went a fluttering, when the band of females were met by the same old gypsy, who was loitering by the wayside. She knew not whether his eye had singled her out or not, as she turned away her head to avoid his gaze; but, when they had passed on a little way, she glanced behind, and saw him making up to the men, who were escorting the loaded wagons. Like an idler, who had sought but his amusement in view, he turned back again with them; and at a bend of the road, Theresa, mounting on a stone, saw him in conference with her father.

With that hospitality so characteristic of the Hungarian peasantry he was invited to partake of the evening meal; and, when all were duly refreshed, the old men of the party replenished their pipes and seated themselves on the temporary settle before the door.

"Have you been long in these parts?" said old Peter Shemnitz to the Gypsy, after an hour's conversation and fellowship had made them better acquainted; "or do you reside at a distance?"

"You may as well ask the direction to Cann's dwelling as to mine. We are none of your shell fish that grow to the rock. As the swallow passes from country to country, so pass we from town to town. Will you have a little music?"

"What can you give us?"

"Why almost what you choose, on the violin or fiddle-sack—Zrini's March, Marie Carlvitch, the song of Istolair, or anything you like, I have brought a famous pipe from Vienna."

"So you have been at the great city; come tell us something about it. 'Tis said all the great things are there, carousing after the wars are over."

"True indeed," said the Gypsy smiling; "the times are miraculously changed. The French Lion has at length been caught in the toils; and I hope that a long peace will bring prosperity and plenty along with it."

"Come, tell us what you saw. 'Tis a mighty fine thing to have seen the world. 'Tis said the Emperor's town is ten times as big as Pesth."

"Truly I cannot exactly tell, but an immense place it is, without doubt; and so rich and fine! Ah, if you only saw the nobles there, with their crosses and golden stars, galloping through the streets in their grand chariots!—if you only saw the palaces, and the churches, and the castles, you should never think any more of Pesth, and its bridge of boats. But other things than seeing rare sights caused me to travel. I had an only son, and he was called away to join the army;—for we, borderers of Transylvania, must all be trained up as soldiers. He was an only son; and after he was torn from his home, I heard nothing of him for years. I had none to leave behind me, none to care for me, and of what value is life to a man in that case? The news of bloody battles came to us often and often, as the sound of far off thunder comes upon the wind;—the yearnings of a father's heart are difficult to be borne;—so having braced my little bundle on my shoulders, and taken my staff into my hand, I even locked the door of my widowed hut, and set out, on what many would reckon, a fool's journey."

"Was it so?—What success had you in your travels? I dare say you found him out after all?"

"Alas! you urge me to recall heavy thoughts to my mind, but—"

"No, no; save yourself the pains. We understand that he perished on the field of battle."

"Yes, indeed he did; but it was some consolation to my old heart (here he wiped his eyes) to find, that he still lived in the remembrance of his comrades, who cherished his memory with a fond regard, and welcomed the father from love to his son. There was one of them who had long been his tent fellow, and had stood by his side in many an action, in many an hour of danger. By the by, he came from this very neighborhood. His forefathers had possessed a place at Warlady for many generations; till forced in his father's time to mortgage it. His name was Ludovico; I forget what more."

"Ludovico! I knew him well, I knew him well!" Theresa, he cried, turning round his head towards the cabin door,—"Theresa, here is one who has seen—"

"So you knew him?"—said the Gypsy, sharply.

"Knew him! how could I not know him—Ludovico!—For years many, and full of pleasure, he sat at my board, and warmed himself at my humble hearth; though he was no doubt, born to a better fate. Our parting was as the tearing asunder of the nearest and dearest kindred, though poor fellow, his only home upon this earth was conduct, and our compassion; for his parents, who were once in better circumstances, died early, and left him on the wide world, unprotected, and an orphan. And are we to see him so soon again? The news is like a cordial to my heart."

"So you are the man I am in search of?" said the Gypsy, catching hold of his hand. "That morning on which I parted from him, he asked me through what part of Hungary lay my road; and, on ascertaining that I journeyed this way on my homeward route to Buda, he begged of me to search out Peter Shemnitz, and tell him of his welfare."

Peter could scarcely refrain from hugging the Gypsy.

"Theresa," he cried, "Theresa, my love, bring us out a flaggon of your elder wine, and let us make merry. Girl, why do you stand there, moping? make haste!—You have been crying, child—a pretty occasion, too, surely."

The wine was set down, and circled: the pipes whiffled; the jest and the song went round; and the Gypsy, elevated with the good cheer, shook off the weight of years; and, as he pressed his fiddle-sack with might and main, he failed not to make it "discourse most eloquent music," till twilight had shrouded into night, and the glittering stars were high in the forehead of Heaven.

Notwithstanding the most kind and hospitable entreaties, the Gypsy could not be persuaded to consent to an abode among them for a few days. When sunrise warned the local colony to the fields, the old man buckled his knapsack on his back, and taking his staff in hand, prepared for his onward pilgrimage. All set out together, as their paths lay for a quarter of a mile in the same direction. The morning was calm and delightful; the golden sunshine lay on the sides of the far-off Carpathian hills; and fringing the extensive plain; arose dark forests, which in several places, bounded the horizon.

A delicious odor was wafted on the gentle breeze from the luxuriant wild-flowers; and the mild air was musical with the song of birds. Theresa lagged behind with some of her companions, who failed not to remark the feverishness of her looks, and the languor that slept on her heavy eyelids; but she smiled away the inquiries, listened, or seemed to listen, to their carols, as she pointed out the beauties of hill and dale that expanded around them. The Gypsy loitered with her father at the cross which parted their several roads; and when Theresa came up, he took her by the hand, bade God bless her, and departed.

If the reader is particularly anxious to know what kind of harvest these peasants had to depend upon for their next year's subsistence, we have the ineffable pleasure of assuring him that he may keep his mind easy on that score, as the crop was considerably above an average one; and day after day beheld them with grateful hearts gathering in the bountiful provision which a kind Providence had willed for their wants; but, with leave we shall let them alone, until all be cut down, bundled up, and stored into the wagons; while we return, in the mean time, to the city of Debrezin, and endeavor to find something there to

fill up what might otherwise prove a vacuum with respect to interest.

After six years' participation with the great army of the Germanic Empire, of the fatigues, horrors and casualties of war, Ludovico had returned to his native place. The field of Leipzig, so fatal to Napoleon, was that in which he had last been actively engaged; and though he had received wounds in less desperate encounters, from that great battle he had escaped unhurt.

From that time his military career was restricted to garrison duty, till the arrangement, resulting from the throne-overthrowing victory of Waterloo, once more shed a hope of happy days thro' the wide extent of the continent, and restored many a war-worn soldier to the bosom of his family. Countless, alas! were the thousands that returned no more!

From the constitutional laws of Hungary, it results, that the tenure of property is next to unalterable—a certain way of maintaining the state vassalage to which the great body of the people is subjected, as their claims, when preferred, can be carried in all cases of emergency even from the Herrenstuhl, or court held by the nobles on their own estates, where they are but little likely to obtain impartial justice, to the general council of the nation at Ofen. From the operation of an ancient edict, still enforced, property may be transferred on a mortgage for thirty years, but, at the expiration of that term, it is redeemable by the lineal descendants of the ancient proprietors.

Before Ludovico was born, the small property which, from immemorial time, had remained in the hands of the Marlin family, passed, with this feudal burden of course upon it, into the possession of strangers, who, doubtless, reckoned themselves secure in lasting occupation; for, in the lowly estate of a peasant, the only son had been permitted to grow up to manhood, and had been drawn away at the age of eighteen, in the conscriptions for the army. The time at which restitution could be demanded, had well passed on. A large placard was exhibited on the house of the Rent-richer; and failing the appearance of a claimant, with adequate proofs of his consanguinity, the estate, passed within a month, irretrievably into the hands of the present occupier.

Fortunately, at this very era, fate put it into the power of our young soldier to make a personal demand for the restitution of his estate, and immediately on his return to Debrezin, he laid his claims before the constituted authorities; and as immediately were they attended to. For, to complicate the lower orders, this branch of their claims upon the state is most assiduously attended to—and the occupant, knowing that no countenance will be given either to litigation or refusal, on the mortgage being paid up, readily left the house and the adjoining fields, already stripped of their autumnal honors, open for the entrance and occupation of their legitimate proprietor.

With all possible despatch, things were put into order, and the dwelling prepared for the reception of the young officer of hussars; for so that rank the fortune of war, and his own exertions, had honorably raised him. Though from the absence of all his old friends, on their accustomed harvest excursion, he was literally surrounded by strangers, yet money is a rare talisman, and can work wonders which might startle the most profound adept in alchemy. In a few brief days, the house was replenished in a style to which it had not found itself equal for half a century.

The plots were weeded and delved into rim;—the wild wood pruned away; and the vines festooned with greater neatness about the slender pillars, which form, along with the projecting roof, common to the better houses throughout the country, a kind of piazzas, where, during rainy or intensely warm weather, the family may work, sit, or amuse themselves.

In the course of a fortnight, all Ludovico's plans were executed—his grounds set in order—and his house such as he had imagined in his mind's eye;—nor could he look upon either without a degree of pride and satisfaction, that he readily be pardoned to a newly created landlord. The future appeared bright before him; hopefulness sat bright upon his heart; dreams long cherished, seemed verging towards accomplishment; after procrastination and absence, the anticipations of youthful ardor glowed in more beautiful colors, and he wearied for the time when Peter Shemnitz and his family should return, less that they might wonder at his wealth, than that he might shew them all his gratitude, for benefits which had been conferred without expectation of fee or reward.

Ten days had elapsed—and the harvest of the peasantry of Debrezin was nearly over; when, one evening, as the young of both sexes were indulging themselves in their accustomed dance on the greensward, beneath the lilac trees, the Gypsy again made his appearance. He stood for a few minutes looking on with a pleased countenance, seemingly participating in the light-heartedness of youth; and, perhaps, revolving in his mind the many happy times, when long ago, on the banks of the far-off Danube, he himself joined in similar festivities—but the remembrance either overcame him, or some other thoughts called him away, for he shortly turned on his heel, and strayed by the hedge-row of pollards down to the temporary abode of Peter Shemnitz.

While yet at some distance, he descried the old man on his bench by the door, smoking his accustomed pipe; and, as he approached still more closely, was somewhat vexed to meet with rather a cold reception. Peter looking much more sombre and demure than usual. His mind seemed either otherwise so occupied, or he wished not to take any notice of him, as he was almost upon him before he raised his head, or wished him a good evening. The old man started from his reverie, but immediately recovering himself,

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recognised the face of the stranger, and proffered cordially the right hand of fellowship.

"So you have come back to see us once more have you? You are well met; for we are not right here. Most of your people pretend to skill in the application of remedies; and my daughter poor soul, is ailing."

"What! Theresa?"

"Yes; I have but one daughter, and I am afraid to lose her. Better 't were that she died first; but why should I dare to murmur?"

"Why, she looked blooming and healthy but two weeks ago, when I was here?"

"It is exactly since that time that I have observed her not looking well; food she would scarcely look at, and word would she scarcely speak any. Some slow fever is, I am afraid, working within her; but, come in, and you shall see her yourself."

Theresa started up from her seat by the hearth as the Gypsy entered; and a faintness came over her heart, inasmuch that her head sank back on the wall, but, without complaint, she speedily resumed her composure, and welcomed back the stranger to her dwelling. "That man," she thought, "somehow or other possesses secrets which give him a control over my destiny. He seems to know more of what lies nearest to my heart, than he seems willing to make me aware of. Sure he must be the bearer of evil tidings; he dares not leave them unrevealed; yet he has not the heart to communicate them! May Heaven strengthen me for all things!"

"Your father tells me, Theresa," said the Gypsy, gently taking hold of her hand, "that you have been unwell since I saw you. Can I do any thing for you?"

Theresa, turning her beautiful, but languid eyes from him, looked on her father, and said, "My dear father, you deceive yourself I have nothing to complain of, your affection for me deceives you. Believe me, I am well—nay, shake not your head,—quite well."

"Yes," added the Gypsy, smiling, "I insist upon her being quite well; as I have returned back all the way from Debrezsin on a special errand to her. Theresa, believe me, it is true."

Theresa looked anxiously at him and heaved an involuntary sigh from the bottom of her heart that made her bosom swell, as if it would have cracked the girdle that surrounded her waist.

"Indeed, it is quite true. A young soldier has returned to his home, and is making bustling preparations to have all things in order against your return. Hither have I come at his request, to remind you of an old promise, which now demands immediate fulfilment—always providing that your heart remains the same as when that promise was made."

Theresa read in her father's face the lines of doubt and anxiety; and, looking round to the Gypsy, he said—

"To whom do you allude? There is but one person alive to whom my daughter shall, with my consent, give her hand; and if I am not mistaken, that person is far enough away yet, I'll warrant it. Though, droop not, my Theresa, the day may not be far distant, when the separated may meet to sunder again no more. The token which claims you may come to me."

"Knowest thou that?" cried the Gypsy, drawing from his breast a golden bracelet, marked with the letters T. and L.—"Knowest thou this?—By this token am I sent to claim attention to my errand!"

"Has Ludovico returned?" asked Theresa, eagerly, as she started to her feet, clasping her hands together as she approached the Gypsy—

"Oh, say he is well!—Is he at Debrezsin?—Oh, he will be here, father, he will not wait; he will be here to see us! Then all my fears and my dark dreams are false. Hark did my heart assure me that he had fallen on the field of battle; that I—that we should never see him more."

"Stuff—stuff, Theresa," said old Peter, checking her; "you must be well now, and dream no more."

"Stuff—stuff," echoed the Gypsy. "On the word of an old man, with one foot in the grave, your lover is well, and awaits your arrival at Debrezsin. He would not get away immediately, but hurried me back to apprise you of his arrival. He is to meet you on your road home, nevertheless, and I have my fears, Theresa—why do you look afraid, girl?—that when you enter Debrezsin, it must be under a different name than that with which you left it. Nay, but you need not blush—neither need you pout and try to look angry. I am only telling you the plain truth."

"To-morrow we set out early," said old Peter, hobbling to and fro, with his hands thrust into his large coat-pockets, and looking ten years younger than he did but half an hour before; "and methinks, it is a day too late. Warn our neighbors, Theresa, that we delay not in setting out by sunrise."

Peter and the Gypsy spent a blithe night of it together; and as the latter had seen much of the world in his wanderings, the hours passed over, winged with interest and cheerfulness, till the time of sleep arrived.

One of the lowest of the peasantry with a strong twist of sinister intellectuality, whose province was that of a herd, and feeder of the cattle, aroused the little colony, by careering out on a dunce, and parading through the whole extent of the lanes, when he summoned by sound of a large crooked horn, to strike their encampment, and prepare for march. Nor was his part ill acted, as, in the course of an hour, the whole machinery of horses and foot was actually put in motion. The dews of morning, as yet undrunked by the sun, lay on the grass when their journey commenced, and, by an hour before noon, they had gained the height that looked far forth into the valleys. Nothing particular occurred till the evening day, when the Gypsy produced a letter, which he seemed to have forgotten, purporting that Ludovico was to meet Theresa at the Chapel of St. John, and to claim her at the altar for his bride.

"And how looked Theresa?" the female reader, with very pertinent curiosity, may be supposed to inquire; "and what like was the dress which, along with her letter, the Gypsy brought her from her lover? It would be a pretty story, indeed, if accurate like these were to be omitted."

Well, then, she had ever been considered a beauty, out, on the

ensuing morning, when the spire of St. John's rose in sight, on the word of an honest tale-teller I assure you, that, of all the days in the year, she looked on that one the most bewitchingly. As to her dress, I suppose that I dare not pass it over, though really—but here it is. Over her head was thrown a square of very thin white muslin, wreathed so as to form a roll in front, one fold falling down the back, and another towards either shoulder, the margin of the whole being adorned with a rich lace, several inches deep—Her vest, which was without sleeves, of a fine crimson cloth, richly embroidered with silver sprangles, accurately fitted her sylph-like figure as far as the waist, which was confined by a girdle of blue silk, scarcely to be discerned, from the multitude of beautiful small beads ornamenting it. Below the girdle, the vest descended in loose folds to a little under the knee, and the girdle. At the bosom the vest opened, to display the curiously laced front of a satin bodice held together by a silver clasp, yet affording indistinct snatches of a breast fairer and finer than all that enveloped it; amidst the elysium of which, "a thousand little loves in ambush lay."

Under the fringe of the tunic, a few inches of snow-white muslin petticoat were allowed to descend, so as only partially to interfere with the elegance of a finely turned ankle in its silken stocking, and contrasting well with the yellow boot, delicately edged with black fur, which enclosed her slender foot. Throw, now, a slight shawl of pale blue over her shoulders loosely, and you have her such as she entered the church for the last time in her state of "single blessedness."

Although no great judge of these matters, yet it may be affirmed that since she looked so passed, the taste of her lover is not to be disputed. It may be said, that a genuine natural beauty must look well in anything. We stop not to dispute the point—but repeat, that in the costume selected by Ludovico, she appeared beautiful, beautiful as the feigned wood nymph, or the Oriental Peri—the light of love glancing in her dark eyes, and the rose of paradise alternately fading and flushing on her damask cheek.

But where was the expected bridegroom? The company were already assembled, and the priest in his robes, awaited his arrival. Dressed out in their holiday garments, the whole agricultural colony, male and female, attended in honor and affection to the parties; so that the small chapel was crowded, and a hundred uncovered heads formed a semi-circle around the open space by the altar. Silence and expectation dwell in the midst of them, and the eyes of every one were turned on the almost angelic beauty of the young bride, who was now in. The priest summoned the parties to stand forward. Theresa attended by one of her companions, in a dress similar in fashion, but less costly than her own, was conducted forward by her father. But where was the bridegroom? The old Gypsy, who was standing amid the spectators, exchanged looks of anxiety with the venerable Peter, as if in wonder what could possibly have happened. He read perplexity of a father—and he stepped forward, in Christian charity, to breathe some comfort or consolation into his ear. Theresa lifted up her eyes to him as he came forward. His wide-climpy boots had been cast aside, in honor of the assistance he was rendering her, and his hands seemed elastic with youthful vigor. He exchanged a second glance with her, but could no more than the ground, and, throwing aside the large Hungarian cloak which shrouded his Ludovico, in a rich huzzar uniform, stood for an instant confessed—he rushed forward to his matchless Theresa—who, meeting him half way, threw her arms about his neck in her surprise and joy, and almost fainted away on his breast.

A murmur of delight and admiration arose—the priest proceeded with the ceremony, and putting the hand of Theresa into that of her lover, acted as the immediate viceregent of the Deity, in uniting together a most deserving pair and leading them to the choicest blessings that earth had in store for her children.

THE TIME FOR CHARITY.

The falling of the leaves, the piercing of the evening mist and the morning frost, remind us that another advent of old Boreas is close at hand and that an increase of fuel upon the blazing hearth will soon be more needed than an increase of cotton and wool upon the outward man. Winter brings with it a multiplicity of wants which the poor are ill prepared to supply. It not only makes an increase of supplies necessary, but it cuts off, to a great extent, the means which thousands have of supplying their wants. The rich—those in moderate circumstances, are generally able to get up the long hill of winter without a lift from the hand of charity—but those who, through the warm season are barely able to furnish their families with the necessities of life, laying aside all thought for the elegancies and luxuries of existence, when pinching cold calls for an additional stick of wood, or an additional counterpane for the bed, or an additional garment, find themselves totally unable to meet the increased expenses of the season.

Then this increase of wants, usually attends a falling off in the kinds of labor preformed by those who live from "hand to mouth," so that with hundreds there is no alternative but to beg, or suffer—suffer in person or suffer disgrace; for a proud word will point a scornful finger at those who receive their bread at the hand of public charity. Those who have a spark of manhood left—in whose veins courses one drop of independent blood will suffer—suffer long and severely before they will have "pauper" written upon their brows by being begged off to the alms house. Let then, those who have abundance bestow of that abundance upon those who have not. Let those upon whom Providence has smiled, manifest their gratitude, not by telling how grateful they feel while they hold on with both hands to the strings of their purses, but by scattering the crumbs of comfort among the starving children of humanity. "It is more blessed to give than to receive"—so saith the good book; and we dare say those who try the experiment in good faith will find the saying a true one.

While thanking God for the bounties of your potatoes skins of poverty. While toasting your shins before the glowing grate, think of those who are grating their teeth with very cold.

While buttoning up the warm fur-skin snug around the throat think of those who are shivering beneath a scanty covering of cotton. Think we say, and act as well as think. [Maine Inquirer.]

FEDERALISM CONCENTRATED.

The Native Americans in Massachusetts recently nominated one Asahel Foote as a candidate for Senator. Mr. Foote came out with a letter in which he declines the nomination, and lets out his old federal notions in the following emphatic and characteristic language.

"With the whig party I am in a great measure satisfied. I believe it to embody MORE INTELLIGENCE, MORE CORRECT PRINCIPLES, MORE HONEST PATRIOTISM, MORE GENUINE PHILANTHROPY, and MORE REAL CHRISTIANITY, than any other political organization under the heavens."

At this the Boston Atlas is in perfect ecstasies. "The editor of that paper rubs his hands in great glee, and thus responds:

"Admirable! Admirable! Asahel Foote is a man after our own heart. A commonwealth of such citizens as he is, would be a glorious community to live in."

Who will now say, that ancient federalism is extinct? [Age.]

MARRIED—Not Hung. A novel occurrence took place on Wednesday last, in a capital trial pending before all the Judges of the Supreme Court now sitting at Salem. James Powers who was indicted for rapturing Hannah Welch, was to have been tried on Thursday for his life, and the jurors were summoned, and the court ready having assigned a day specially for the trial.

In the stage of the case, the prosecuting officer announced to the court that he had suddenly been deprived of the most material witness for the prosecution, without whose testimony he could not hope for a conviction; that this witness was the girl upon whom the offence had been committed, and that he had lost her testimony by her going to the jail and marrying the prisoner that morning, and now being his wife, she could not testify against him!

And thereupon the court looked becomingly grave, and the prosecuting officer entered an nolle prosequi, and Mr. James Powers is a gay bridegroom at large, enjoying his honeymoon, instead of being a prisoner in the dock on his trial, with the prospect of a hempen halter.

Singular as this occurrence may seem, there is no doubt of the honesty and virtue of the girl, and of the truth of her charge against the prisoner, who had moreover confessed his guilt. The parties are both Irish, and the young man decent in other respects, and the girl a faithful domestic. Under all the circumstances, it may turn out a happier match than many which were more willing in their origin. [Boston Post.]

MEXICO. Important despatches have just been received by our government from Mexico. A writer in the Journal of Commerce of the 21st inst. in a postscript says:

"A despatch of great importance has just been received by the Government from Mexico. It is supposed that these despatches contain propositions from Mexico, and of pacific nature. Their real character has not transpired."

The Sommers was first dispatched with that intelligence; then the Princeton, and then the Mississippi. All have arrived—the Mississippi beating all of them."

THE QUAKER EMBASSY

The Cincinnati Herald says, the four friends Josiah Foster, William Foster, George Stacy and Joseph Allen, who lately arrived in this country, on a mission of peace, as it was reported, excited much suspicion, according to the Cumberland Allegian, in that place. They called at the dwellings of the free negroes, and their apparent interest in that class of population, awakened many apprehensions, the result of which was a 'gentle hint' to leave. The Allegian thinks that they came from England to establish on an extensive scale, a system for running of negroes. By the way, continues the Herald, we learn that the object of this mission, is not, as was supposed, to mediate between 'the body' in Indiana, and the Anti Slavery Friend who have separated, but to prevail upon the latter to lay down their meetings for worship, and again unite with the former. The Anti-Slavery Friends, as appears by recent proceedings at Newport, are greatly displeased with the course pursued by the English Friends, whose integrity as abolitionists they seriously question. [Bangor Whig.]

A COLLISION. The upward and downward E press trains, from Boston and this city, came together with a crash that made the splinters fly, on Monday evening last, at Kennebunk. The Portland train was taking in wood and water, on the main track, the engineer supposed that he should have time to do so and get back to the turn out, before the Boston train came along.—Each saw the other, before the collision and the Portland train began to back out, and the other had shut off his steam, but the headway was not retarded sufficiently to prevent a severe collision. The Boston locomotive was so much injured as require the conductor to send to Portland for another, and the passengers were detained, four hours, and reached this city at one o'clock. The other engine was thrown off the track, but was not so much injured but that it resumed its duty after a delay of two hours in getting it on to its bed. The trains were long, with numerous passengers, but fortunately no one was injured. It was a narrow escape, however. The ladies' saloon of the Boston train was stove in, in which were several ladies. One man jumped from the platform of the first car, and saved himself, as that was splintered up. The blame is attributed to the engineer on the train bound to

Boston.—There was criminal neglect somewhere, and it should be fixed where it belongs, and properly censured. [Argos.]

THE COLLISION. The traveller has this explanation, in reference to the recent collision, "The conductor of the Portland train, as we understand, alleges that the down-train was in advance of its regular time; and that according to his watch, he was in time to have finished watering, and to have got on to the turn-out before the down-train should pass. The matter of course will undergo a thorough investigation."

OXFORD DEMOCRAT.

PARIS, NOVEMBER 18, 1845.

PARTY POLITICS.

Every nation is under the influence of two opposite principles, which may be denominated the conservative and the reforming principle. The former produces a struggle to preserve things as they are, and acts against all innovation; the latter produces a struggle to change the present system of things, and welcomes innovation. Both these principles are blind influences and each is composed of good and evil. The conservative principle tends to preserve both established error and established truth, but leans on the side of truth and justice. In a community in which perfect freedom of opinion and action is allowed, in which no set of men enjoy any peculiar or exclusive privileges, since it is for the interest of the majority, who are Democrats, to enlist on the side of reform, and for the interests only of the minority, who are aristocrats, to enlist on the side of conservatism—the reforming principle must always be stronger than the conservative. Hence among a people who possess the perfect enjoyment of civil and religious liberty, a constant improvement in their moral and political condition is the natural course of events.

These principles do not distinctly divide the people of this country into two parties, since we find each of the great parties influenced in one respect by the reforming principle, and in another by the conservative principle. No party is wholly engaged on the one side either of reform or conservatism.

It is perfectly plain, however, which of the two great parties existing at the present day is best entitled to the cognomen of Reformers. The principles of the Democratic party are conservative only so far as the natural and inherent rights of man are concerned, and evermost will be from the very nature of things. And they are reformers of the errors and abuses which have been engrafted upon and incorporated into human government by the cupidity and ambition of interested men; and all their measures have a tendency to enlighten the minds of the people in relation to their rights, and to protect them, in the enjoyment of those rights, from the grasping and ever-reaching schemes of those who would deprive or wrest those rights from them.

The Federal party (or Whig, by courtesy, as it now calls itself) on the contrary are conservative so far as old and long established errors and abuses in government are concerned. Their leading principle is that the few should govern the many—that the people are not capable of self-government. Hence their measures all have a tendency to restrict the rights and privileges of the many; to foster schemes which will enrich the few at the expense of the many; the Banking system, corporations of various kinds, and a high protective Tariff, for instance. All of which indirectly compel the poor and laboring class to contribute to the support of the rich. And they are reformers only so far as they can, by specious and false pretences, make the people believe these measures are beneficial for their interests. Their constant aim and end is to acquire exclusive rights and privileges, or rather, this desire is the natural result of their ideas of political economy, and hence all their measures have a tendency to make the rich richer, and the poor poorer.—In short, they reform from natural rights and privileges to artificial rights and privileges.

Much has been said of the philanthropic nature of the British towards Slaves, but their benevolent feelings have been more aroused in favor of the slave population of the United States than of any other country. This kind feeling does not emanate from any fellow feeling they possess towards the colored race, but it springs from a desire to overthrow this institution of our country. As a pretty sample of their disinterested and philanthropic views of the amelioration of negro slavery, we lay before our readers what the Washington correspondent of the New York Journal of Commerce says with regard to the tender mercies shown to negroes captured by the British on the open seas and taken by them to Brazil. In speaking of the despatches received from Mr. Wise, our Minister to Brazil, the correspondent says:—

"The documents are voluminous, and present a deplorable picture of the extent and miseries of the traffic, and of the aggravated evils which have sprung from British interference. The documents show that the system is converted into a mode of enriching the British naval officers at the expense of unheard of oppressions and cruelties exercised upon the African race. Africans are stolen with the connivance of these officers in the Mozambique channel, for the mere purpose of putting the prize money into their own pockets."

"The despatches of Mr. Wise prove that the British system of African apprenticeship is the most barbarous and oppressive code of Slavery hitherto known to history. The negroes brought from Africa are apprenticed, that is, sold for fifteen years, to pay their passage, in Brazil, Guiana, and Demerara, and generally are worked to death before the expiration of their term. The day of redemption never arrives to these officers in the Mozambique channel, for the mere purpose of putting the prize money into their own pockets."

"These documents will come before the world in due time, perhaps not until after Congress meets—

They will expose, in a true light, the pretensions of the British Government to philanthropy, and to an exclusive right to guard the black race."

MASSACHUSETTS ELECTION.

"Nine cheers for the old Bay State!" cry some of the feds. What they would give nine cheers for, however, is more than we can comprehend, unless it is that they have been defeated in the election of Briggs, who they last year elected by 5000 majority. Were we placed in the same circumstances, we should have little disposition to cheer; but the feds have a knack of "whistling to keep the courage up" which the democrats do not appear to possess, probably because they are not so often placed in unpleasant predicaments. Whatever consolation, however, the feds may find in cheering over their own disasters, the democrats are willing they should have.

The election was for Governor and members of the Legislature. The whole State has been heard from, with the exception of Barnstable, Nantucket, and Dukes counties, and 13 towns in Berkshire. So far, Briggs, (fed.) has 47,931; Davis (dem.) 33,538; Shaw (native) 6,944; Sewall (abol.) 6,960; scattering 1,294. Majority against Briggs, 11,055. The towns to come in will be likely to increase the majority against him.

The whigs have elected 9 Senators, and probably 3 others; leaving certainly 28 vacancies! There are 105 feds elected to the House, 43 democrats, and 4 natives leaving 174 vacancies. As the Legislature will ultimately be whig, that body will elect the whig candidates for Governor and Lt. Governor.

NEW YORK ELECTION.

The lion-hearted democracy of New York, the empire city and State, are worthy the congratulations of their brethren throughout the Union. At a single blow they have prostrated both whiggery and nativism. It is useless to say that the vote cast is small, for it was the energy and determined attitude of the unwavering democracy that deprived whiggery and nativism of hope. Had those two parties rallied strong or amalgamated, then would the democrats have come down upon them with an avalanche of twenty thousand. As it is, enough has been done, to show that the people of New York approve the course of Mr. Polk and his administration upon Texas and Oregon, and are determined to sustain democratic principles. Never can federalism, in any of its Protean shapes, rule that indomitable city, or control the destinies of this great country.

The democrats have swept away both whiggery and nativism. The majority is about 2000 in the city.—They have gained 13 members of the Assembly.—The majority in the Senate will be 18—in the Assembly 20—on joint ballot 38, last year 28. The empire State is all right.

NEW JERSEY ELECTION.

The feds have made out to retain the Legislature by the skin of their teeth merely. Last year they had 20 majority on joint ballot—this year 9! We have gained a member of Congress in the second district, where an election was held to supply a vacancy, occasioned by the decease of the whig member elected.—The new member's name is George Sykes. Whiggery is certainly flourishing every where!

PLURALITY SYSTEM.

The Bangor Democrat, of the 11th inst., copies our suggestions in relation to the expediency of adopting the plurality system, published in our paper of the 13th ult., and makes the following remarks:—

"For one, we have considered the objections made by the Democrats, but our opinions remain unchanged. We prefer the majority system to the plurality system as a principle, although the latter is favored in many of the democratic States, but we do not see how we can much longer elect electors without adopting the plurality system. Last year some of the Representatives were not chosen until after the Legislature assembled, and this year about one third of the Senators and a still larger portion of the Representatives were not chosen the day appointed for our annual election. The people are still balloting for Representatives in quite a number of the districts, and when they will get through cannot be foretold. The Legislature will fill the vacancies in the Senate, a mode which now allows of a departure from the majority principle. For the 'long tried usage and customs of the democratic party' we have a high regard, but as the usage and customs of the party vary in different States we do not perceive the force of the objection to varying them here, particularly when there appears to be urgent necessity for it."

Well, if the people, after a trial of a quarter of a century of the majority system, choose to change it for the plurality system, they have the right to do so; but we believe that their true policy is to adhere to the present system.

If the people are willing to countenance, by a resort to the plurality system, that spirit of dissension that proclaimed moral treason through the Hartford Convention in 1812, and which now reappears in the form of organized abolitionism, intent upon the one idea of compelling, at the risk of a dissolution of the Union, a change in the domestic institutions of a portion of the States, (over which, by the terms of the constitution, we have no more control than they have over the hours of labor or the price of wages in the Northern States,) the Democratic party of Maine, standing upon the constitution, can hold no political communion and make no compromises with such purposes. Let the disguise of philanthropy be ever so complete, those who have watched the progress of the democratic principle in this country know, by experience, that third parties are never the allies of that principle, but invariably the secret co-operators with the federal party in all the forms it may assume.

There is but one safe test in Democracy as in religion. They who are not for us are against us; and whether many or few, whether in power or out of power, let us stand on this principle; and whether we remain in the ascendancy, or go into a minority, the Democratic party of Maine will secure its own and the respect of the whole Democracy of the Union.

We opine, by the way, that in all those districts where there were no elections on the first balloting, and "where the people are still balloting" that it is not a matter of principle that prevent an election.—Were it so, it would be an anomaly; for from the very nature of things the people would divide into two parties as naturally as oil and water will separate.—An election is prevented by issues being made up of questions of a purely moral nature—questions which should no more be made political hobbies than reli-

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gious topics. So far as our knowledge extends, in this section such was the fact to a considerable extent, and the Democrats have "suffered some" in consequence of a departure from principle. These issues were made, too, by the natural opponents of Democratic principles—a fact worthy of note.

The plurality system exists, we know, in several of the older States; but we have yet to learn that any State has abandoned the majority for the plurality system.

Accounts from Mexico state that the valorous Mexican Government has called on the women—the old and young ladies of the Empire—to contribute money towards defraying the expenses of the war against Texas. If all accounts are true, in relation to the bravery of the men, they had better call on the women to do the fighting too. They would reconquer Texas and annex the United States to Mexico.

We would call the attention of Ladies, and others, visiting Portland, to the advertisement of the "New York Cheap Store" to be found in another column. There are great bargains promised there.

A Millerite Caged. Joseph Whitman, of Woodstock, one of the deluded followers of that Prince of Humbuggers, Bill Miller, was last week sentenced to thirty days imprisonment in the County Jail, by Justice Russ, of Woodstock, for being a common vagabond, disturber of the peace of the good people of that town, &c. The way the fellow bellowed occasionally, just to keep his lungs in good order we suppose, would perfectly astonish the "Bulls of Bashan."

Means of Walking upon Water Discovered. In Hanover, two young men, one a Swede, and the other a Northerner—taking the hint from that sort of foot-gear of fir-plank called skis by means of which, in those northern countries, the inhabitants pass through valleys and ravines filled with snow, without sinking—have been exhibiting, in that capital, the exploit of walking on the water by means skis—made however, for the latter purpose, with iron plates hollow within. Backwards and forwards, much at their ease, according to the report, did the exhibitors walk and run—going through the military exercise with knapsacks at their backs—and finally drawing a boat containing eight passengers—all without wetting their shoes. The Minister at War has, it is said, put a portion of the garrison of Hanover under the training of these gentlemen, for the purpose of learning what might prove so useful a military manoeuvre; and as MM. Kjelderg proposes carrying their invention into other countries, our readers will probably suspend their opinion till they have a nearer view of this novel meeting of sky and water.

Extraordinary Story. The New York Sun states that a gentleman in the upper part of the city has been in the habit of leaving his doors open, and posting himself in the entry, armed with a sword-cane, for the purpose of attacking thieves and that one entered a few evenings since, and was instantly pinned to the wall by the sword cane of the sanguinary citizen, and then cowardly must unmercifully. It is also rumored that the same citizen caught a thief in his house on one of our coldest nights last winter, and crucified him on the piazza, nailing him to the fence by his clothing. The thief was taken down half frozen, and it is said died a few days after.

From Nauvoo. The trouble is by no means over. The saints had expelled Major Warren and his hundred men, saying they had no further use for them. Major Warren had gone off in the direction of Carthage, to get a reinforcement. The sheriff of Rock Island county was lying dangerously wounded at Carthage—the effect of the affray at Nauvoo recently, when reding was taken from his custody. It is reported that he U. S. marshal for the district of Illinois has been empowered to arrest the "twelve." The 24th Mormons threatened an attack, on the night of the 22d, upon the Camp Creek settlement, but their designs were known and would probably be frustrated. The St. Louis Reporter, says the Mormons are making arrangements to leave for California in the Spring, in companies or divisions of one hundred each, and they will take their private establishments with them.

A HEN STORY.

One of our neighbors has got a hen, who has put her third brood of chickens to roost this present season. One of her pullets had laid 22 eggs on Monday last. The old hen has reduced raising chickens to a science almost. She is none of your fussy old things who make themselves exceedingly "busy" with one chicken. She lays her eggs and hatches her chickens, takes excellent care of them for four weeks and then they are able to take care of themselves. Then she lays another batch hatches them out, and so goes on, and if we have such weather as this, she will have another brood out of the shell. [N. H. Telegraph.]

Michigan. The Peninsula State has probably gone democratic as usual. Detroit 85 democratic majority. Election was quiet, and the vote a small one. Wayne county democratic by about the usual majority. Washtenaw county has changed and gives a whig majority of about 200. Jackson county reported democratic by 70 majority. Calhoun and Macomb counties dem.

The Potawatamies made a visit to Col. Benton, at Washington, the other day, and made a speech to him. The Colonel made an appropriate reply.

INDIAN VISIT.—The Potawatamie Indians now in Washington city, paid a visit to Colonel T. H. Benton, at his residence there on Wednesday. The Union says:—The Colonel met them at the door, and extended a cordial welcome to his mansion. Arrived in the drawing-room, he expressed to the delegation the gratification he felt in shaking hands with his red brethren from the far West. Half Day, the orator, then addressed him in substance as follows, (P. Leclerc acting as interpreter):—My friend; we have come to pay you a mark of respect and friendship. Your people in the far West are our neighbors; we live in peace with them. We have often heard your name; it is known to all the Indians on the frontier. We regard you as a friend. And now, when here, far away from our homes, who would not be glad to meet you as a friend? To this Col. Benton, with great suavity and dignity of manner, made an appropriate reply assuring the Indians that in his action as a Senator of the United States, he would always endeavor to do them justice—that he desired to preserve our relations of peace and friendship with all the Indian tribes—and that he hoped, before leaving the city, they would succeed in adjusting all their business with the Government to their entire satisfaction and advantage.

Shocking. In Blackwood (N. J.) on Friday of last week, as a little child of Mr. George Addams, about three years of age, was playing in the yard of his dwelling, it was suddenly set upon, with great fury, by one of Mr. A's hogs, and before effectual assistance could be rendered, was literally torn to pieces, and immediately killed. An older sister, in attempting to rescue the child, was also seized by the hog, and had her arm seriously mangled.

Strange Suicide. Mr. Samuel Wilmarth, of Worcester, hung himself in that town last week. His first wife committed suicide in that town six years ago, by cutting her throat. A gentleman of Worcester says he conversed with Wilmarth two or three hours before the fatal act, and that he seemed in uncommonly good spirits, and very good humoredly remarked to us that he was about to change his situation and hoped he should be better off!

A young urchin being severely reprimanded by his mother for saying "hell," remembered the chasteism, and on the following Sabbath when the minister, in preaching, used the word, leaped up and exclaimed, "By jings? if you had my mother to deal with, you wouldn't swear that way without getting licked, I know."

Florida. The Tallahassee Floridan of Nov. 1 states that the returns of the late election for a delegate in congress had not yet been officially received at the secretary's office. Adding to the official returns those which it has on its own information, the Floridan makes the majority for Brockenbrough, dem., 111.

Portland and Montreal Rail-Road. Letters have been received by the President of the Atlantic and St. Lawrence Road, announcing that the Mission to London has been entirely successful.—All obstacles are now overcome. [Boston Post.]

Augustus A. Addams, Tragedian, in a fit of delirium tremens, made an attempt to commit suicide in New York on Monday, but was prevented before the consummation of his purpose, and taken care of by the policemen.

A Dark prospect. Wm. D. Joushoun, for a rape, has been sentenced by a Virginia Court to forty-two years' imprisonment in the Penitentiary. Two black fellows engaged, with him in the same nefarious deed, have been sentenced to be hung.

The Portified Human Body, now exhibited in Boston, is a great curiosity. It has been exposed to atmospheric influence for a year and a half, and no perceptible change has taken place.

Mr. Calhoun. The most extensive preparations are making at Mobile and New Orleans, to welcome this distinguished statesman in a suitable manner, as he passes through on his way to the Memphis Convention.

Mrs Sedgwick beautifully remarks that "children are like mile-stones, set along the road, reminding us of the distance we have gone on the journey of life." Some families, it is true, place their mile-stones only about a rod apart.

A Washington correspondent of the Charleston News says:—It is feared that Eliot, who killed young Kendall, will become insane. I am told that he rises from his bed in the night, and paces his cell in the greatest agony. His trial will shortly come on.

The Duke of Wellington has issued a general order to the British Army, prohibiting the formation of Temperance Societies in any of the regiments, or in fact any societies at all, it being thought that societies of this sort have the effect of inducing designing men to use them as instruments for spreading disaffection and sedition among the men.

Porter, the Kentucky giant, has been appointed by the President to trim and tend the Northern Lights!

During the month of October, six thousand one hundred and eighty-six passengers arrived at New York.

Georgia Legislature. Both branches of the Legislature of Georgia met on Monday last. In the Senate, A. H. Chappell was elected President by a majority of three votes, and Thos. R. H. Cobb, of Clark, Secretary—both Democrats.—Mr. Calhoun, Whig received twenty-one votes for President of the Senate.

In the House, Mr. Jenkins, whig, was chosen Speaker on the first ballot, having received 68 votes. Capt. Anderson received 53 votes; scattering 1; eight members did not vote.

Prolific. Mr. E. Strout of Richmond, in this State, raised this year from a single stock, 155 pods containing 850 beans! A friend who saw them informed us that he never saw handsomer white beans; and that they "looked as much alike as two peas in a pod."

Sickness on the African Coast. The last accounts from the coast of Africa state that the fever was ravishing the British squadron there.—The ship of war Belair recently returned to England from the Coast, has lost sixty men including her commander.

Yesterday a lady went to the police office to inquire for a cloak which she had lost. Justice Osborn who is fond of a joke said, Madam we do things here without any cloak. I beg your pardon, rejoined the lady, I took this for the police office.

Just before daylight on the morning of 25th ult., a young man named Read, of Warrick county Indiana, while up in a tree securing some game, was shot by one of his neighbors named Castle, who was also out coon hunting. Castle soon saw his fatal mistake, and climbing the tree found that he could not get Read down without assistance. He secured him to one of its limbs by his suspenders and hastened home. When he returned Read was dead. The shot had taken effect in the ankle and the unfortunate man bled to death.

The best silk in this country is raised in Vermont. It is larger and stronger, and it brings a better price than the silk grown in any of the southern or western states.

The nearest guess we ever heard of a man's making was that of a fellow who tumbled out of a window and when picking himself up "he rather guessed he wasn't wanted there."

"The fire is amazingly cold" said an old toper who was trying to warm his toes in the moonlight on a snowbank!

A great meeting was held one day last week in Faneuil Hall to oppose the annexation of Texas. J. P. Hale of N. H. was present, but dodged just as he was called upon for a speech.

The Terror which that dread disease Consumption has for ages excited is now no longer felt. Dr. John's Hungarian Balm of Life—the Great English Remedy, has conquered the most hopeless cases—the "confirmed and incurable."

From the Philadelphia Medical Intelligencer.

The Hungarian Balm is, in our opinion, the best remedy for Consumption, in its incipient stages, if not in its confirmed state, ever invented.

Pamphlets respecting this Great English Remedy may be had gratis of Messrs. HASTON, the only agents in Paris.

MARRIED.

In Canton, on the 18th inst., by William Thompson, Esq., Mr. Charles W. Thompson, of Hartford, to Miss Caroline M. Austin, of Canton.

In Portland, Mr. Winthrop G. Ray, of St. Louis, to Miss Georgiana Wingate, daughter of Chas. Q. Clapp, Esq., of Portland.

In Otisfield, Mr. Ebenezer F. Wardwell, to Miss Sarah Deane.

In Rumford, Capt. Charles F. Kiltredge, of this town, to Miss Phoebe Knapp, of Rumford.

In Bath, Mr. Benj. F. Fogg, to Miss Nancy C. Hyde, both of Bath.

DIED.

In Woodstock, 18th inst., of consumption, Miss Julian Farrar, aged 32 years.

In Rumford, 24th ult., Mr. Richard Dolloff, a revolutionary soldier, aged 91 years and 10 months. He was the oldest man in the town or vicinity, and one of the first settlers of Rumford.

In York, Major Elihu Sevey, a revolutionary pensioner, aged 84.

In Levant, 24th inst., Moses Hodson, Esq., aged 79 years and 8 months. (He was one of the earliest settlers of that section of the country, and was extensively known and respected.)

In Cape Elizabeth, 25th ult., Mr. John Hunt, aged 90 years—a soldier of the revolution.

In Farmington, Mr. Nathan Hayes, aged 85. He was a soldier of the revolution, and was in the battle of Bennington.

In Bath, John D. Parks, aged 72. Mrs. Hannah L. Mitchell, aged 26.

WANTED

AT THE NEW YORK CHEAP STORE, Under the U. S. Hotel,

FOR which the highest price will be paid for all kinds of Dry Goods at less than the New York prices.

10,000 yds. All W. 1 Pattern.

10,000 yds. Cotton and Wool.

10,000 yds. Blue mixed yarns 3 Threads.

Portland, Nov. 1, 1845. 4c25

Commissioners' Notice.

THE creditors of the estate of Anna Gardner, late of Dixfield, deceased, are notified that six months from the 31st day of October, 1845, are allowed to them to exhibit and prove their claims; and for the reception thereof the undersigned will be in session at the Inn of Col. Samuel Morrill, in Dixfield, on Friday, the 25th day of February, and Friday, the 20th day of March, and Friday, the 17th day of April next, from 10 A. M. to 4 o'clock P. M. of said days.

JOHN M. EUSTIS, } Commissioners
ISAAC N. STANLEY, } on said Estate.

November 10th, 1845.

C. W. WALTON,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
DIXFIELD-VILLAGE, MAINE.

TO THE LADIES.
WE HAVE RECEIVED AT THE
NEW YORK CHEAP STORE,
(Under the United States Hotel.)
PORTLAND,
A Large Stock of
DRY GOODS

OF THE LATEST IMPORTATIONS, AND MOST FASHIONABLE STYLES.

THESE Goods are all purchased and imported by one of the most experienced Houses in New York City, and we can assure all purchasers that we can, and will, sell our goods at such low prices as will

Defy all Competition.

We will retail our Goods as low as any man can buy the same quality at Wholesale in New York!!!

WE MEAN WHAT WE SAY!!!

Our Goods are all fresh and new; and we here repeat that they are of the most fashionable styles sold in New York City. We receive by Packets and by Railroad new Goods almost daily, and therefore, we are enabled to supply the Ladies with the various styles imported into New York by the various Steamers and Packets within forty-eight hours after they are opened in that City!

Ladies, this is no humbug! We invite your attention to the Stock. If you wish to save your money, come and buy; if you wish for rich and fashionable

GOODS,
COME AND BUY!!!

On Saturday last we received a large amount of new Goods, among which are the following:—

SMYRNA EDGINGS, all Linen.

SCARLET & DE LAIN
SCARFS.

Rich Cashmere Scarfs. Black Bullion
Silk Fringe.

SUPER THIBET CLOTHS.

All Styles of A.P. CASSAS at 20 per cent less than can be found in the State of Maine.

Ombre Plaid Shawls for 21.

Rich Cashmere Shawls, very cheap; rich English Furniture. Also—a large lot of other Goods, all of which will be sold at the lowest New York prices.

Monday, Nov. 3, 1845.

Received this morning a large number of packages of the cheapest Goods ever offered in Portland. Among which is a good assortment of

Beautiful Shaded Ribbons, for only 1s.

Fraids and Stripes, only 1s to 2cts.

A large lot of the new Styles, only 12 1-2cts.

There has been nothing ever offered in the market that can compete with the above.

High class Marcelline Silks for trimmings.

6 1/4 & 8 1/4 Brown Linen Table Covers—cheap.

100 doz. Doilies, for only 4 cents each.

100 doz. Napkins, for only 6 1-4 cents.

Good Canton Flannel, only 10 cents.

Ladies, we think these Goods are cheaper than can be found this side of New York.

Venetian Figured Stripes,
6 Pieces—Silk and Worsted—a new and beautiful article for Dresses.

Ladies, this article, something new, we can sell cheaper than can be had elsewhere. They cannot be bought in New York at retail at less than 57 1-2 and we will sell them for 62 1-2 cents. Ladies, call and see the article.

A new article of COUNTERPANES, 6 1-4 yard, diaper cover, stout and beautiful, only 25 cents per yard.

We are selling this article very rapidly. The Ladies find that it is cheaper than anything they have ever seen—as pretty and as good as the old English counterpanes, costing from \$4.00 to \$9.00.

BROADCLOTHS,
Cassimeres, Sattinets,
Red, White, Yellow and Green Twilled Flannel.
Men and Boys' Comforters.

SHAWLS, SHAWLS,
Rich Cashmere Shawls; Christiana do; Leguilla do; Marcelline do; Children's do and a great variety of others.

Ladies, in the Shawl trade we can save you from 50 cents to \$5.00 on each shawl if you will buy of us.

CLOAK GOODS.

We have every kind of Cloak Goods, of good and fashionable styles, that are offered in the market. In this article we can defy all competition.

MOUSE & DE BAINES.

A great variety of the most of the latest importations, and well as cheap and cheap.

Silks! Silks!!

A good assortment of Rich Silks, cheaper than can be found this side of New York.

Striped Grosgrain, Stripes and Fine Grosgrain; Stripes; Grosgrain; Stripes; Romanina.

—44 BLUE BLACK SILKS, very rich and just imported, and less than Stewart's prices of New York.

We invite the Ladies, one and all, to examine this stock. We repeat our assurance, that these Goods are the latest and most fashionable styles, purchased by one of the most experienced houses in New York, and forwarded directly to ourselves. We also repeat that they will be sold at less prices than can be obtained in any other place.

Under U. S. Hotel, corner of Federal-st.

Warrant—A Store on Middle street, 3 stories high, with a good Cellar.

Also—Two experienced Salesmen. nov. 5—25

Notice of Foreclosure.

WHEREAS ALONZO BRACKETT, of Gorham in the County of Cumberland, deceased, by his last Will and Testament, dated the second day of August, in the year 1837, which deed is recorded in the Oxford Register of Deeds, Book 25, page 330, mortgaged to Joseph Leachman, of Dixfield in said County of Oxford, certain real estate parcel of tract of land situated in said County of Dixfield, it being the North end of Lot numbered Four, in the Eighth Range of Lots in said town of Dixfield, containing sixty-seven acres, more or less, (for a particular description of which, reference may be had to said Records) and whereas said Mortgage was duly assigned to me, the undersigned, and said Mortgage, on the 25th day of April, 1845, was duly paid, and the deed of assignment is on record in the Oxford Register of Deeds, Book 41, page 33; and whereas said Joseph Leachman, Mortgagee has been broken, I therefore, as assignee of said Mortgage, do hereby give notice that I will sell at auction, to the highest bidder, the above described real estate, on Friday, the 24th day of November, 1845, at 10 o'clock A. M.

JACOB SEVERLY, }
Oct. 24, 1845.

PRENTISS & RAWSON,
Attorneys and Counsellors at Law,

BANGOR, MAINE.
Office at the East End of Strickland-st. over H. J. Flagg's Store.
H. E. PRENTISS,
J. F. RAWSON.
Nov. 11, 1845.

Real Estate AT AUCTION.

WILL be sold at public Auction, on the premises, on Thursday, the 30th day of December next, all the Real Estate of LARNARD SWALLOW, late of Rockfield, in the County of Oxford, deceased.

Said Real Estate consists of a large Two Story Dwelling House.

well finished, to which is attached a Porch, Carriage House, and Woodshed, commodious Barns, and Blacksmith's Shop, together with a Water Privilege sufficient to carry a Saw Machinery. The House is supplied with a good well of pure water. Water of the purest quality is also carried in an aqueduct to the Kitchen, Cellar, and Barn, from a never failing Spring in the garden. Adjoining the buildings is a garden, a young engrafted Orchard of Apple, Plum and Cherry Trees, containing about four acres, which is situated on the banks of the River near Heald's Mills.

50 ACRES of PASTURE and WOODLAND, about 25 acres of each, situated some 50 rods up river. A large part of the Woodland is covered by a young and vigorous growth of Hard Wood.

12 ACRES of PASTURE & TILLAGE LAND, separated from the garden by a Street only. A few acres of it thinly covered by a thrifty growth of Sugar Maples within 25 rods of the House.

18 ACRES of INTERVALLE, of a rich, light Soil, which as well as all the other parcels of land border on the River.

One Pew in the Church at Rockfield Village.

Also—Several Tons of Hay.

G. C. SWALLOW, Executor.

Branswick, Oct. 20, 1845. 3m 26

STOP THIEF!!

SOLE from the Stable of the subscriber on the night of the 9th inst. a WHITE MARE, ten years old last spring. She has a bushy tail, which, when travelling, she carries upon the right side. She was formerly owned by Samuel Brown of Oxford. Any person who will give information where she may be found, or will return her and the thief to the subscriber, shall be suitably rewarded.

ISAAC WASHBURN.
East Oxford, Nov. 10th, 1845. 27

Sheriff's Sale.

Oxford, ss.

BY virtue of an Execution in my hands I shall sell at

PUBLIC VENDUE,

on Saturday, the 27th day of December next, at ten o'clock A. M., at the Inn of N. M. Marble, in Paris, in the County of Oxford,—All the right wharf William S. Searns, Jr., of said Paris, is in Equity to redeem the Homestead Farm on which he lives in said town—the same having been mortgaged to Anson Miller, as Treasurer of said Paris, to secure the sum of two hundred dollars and annual interest from the 20th day of January, 1844; as will appear by the Oxford Registry of Deeds, Book 65, page 235.

SAMUEL A. RAWSON, Deputy Sheriff.
Paris, November 8, 1845. 27

IN BANKRUPTCY.

Assignee's Sale.

BY order of the U. S. District Court for the Maine District, I will sell at

PUBLIC AUCTION,

at the house of William Martin in Denmark, on Wednesday, the 19th of Nov. at 10 o'clock A. M., said Martin's interest in (being his life estate) in about 25 acres of land, in said Denmark, which he now occupies.

All said Martin's interest in a spoke of Oxen.

All said Martin's interest in a Horse mortgaged to Dr. Levi Sawyer. Terms—Cash.

JOHN W. DANA, Assignee.

Oct. 30th, 1845. 26

Commissioner's Notice.

THE creditors of the Estate of Harrison Whitman, late of Woodstock, deceased, are notified that a further time of two months from this date is allowed to them to exhibit and prove their claims; and for the reception thereof the undersigned will be in session at the Office of Levi Stowell, in Paris, on Saturday, the 20th day of December next, from ten o'clock A. M. to 4 o'clock P. M. of said day.

LEVI STOWELL, } Com'r.
WM. RUSS, }
Oct. 21, 1845. 25

Administrator's Sale.

WILL be sold at public Auction on Saturday, the 26th day of December next, at 4 o'clock P. M., at the Store of Thompson & Swann in Canton, all the Real Estate heretofore unsold of the late

ELIJAH SHACKLEY,

consisting of the farm on which Ephraim Shackley now lives, subject to a certain Bond, the tenor of which and terms of payment will be made known at the time and place of sale.

WM. K. KIMBALL, Administrator.
Nov. 2nd, 1845. 26

TO THE CITIZENS
Of Portland and Vicinity.

GRANT SALE OF

DRY GOODS.

FOR A FEW DAYS.

The New York
CHEAP STORE.

THERE will be opened and on sale this morning (Thursday) at the Store occupied by Mrs. Reeve, under the United States Hotel, a very extensive and valuable stock of

DRY GOODS;

direct from New York. The entire stock was purchased by one of the wealthiest and most thorough business houses in that city, and the advertiser has positive assurance that the goods are of the best quality. The stock contains all kinds of Wool, Cotton and Wool and Silk Dressing, Broadcloths and Cassimeres, and a great variety of other articles. Ladies and gentlemen are invited to call and examine the Stock, and they may be assured that every article will be sold at less prices than they can be purchased in New York City.

The Public are informed that these Goods are not remnants of old stocks, but are new and fresh—selected expressly for the Portland Market. [Oct. 24—25]

TIMOTHY LUDDEN,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
TURNER-VILLAGE, N.

